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- (a) (1) The Department shall make a site visit and conduct a full survey of each licensed nursing home at least once per calendar year.
- (2) Unless otherwise required by federal law, all surveys shall be unannounced.
- (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department shall initiate an investigation of a nursing home complaint alleging actual harm within 10 business days after receiving the complaint.
- (2) If the Department receives a complaint against a nursing home alleging immediate jeopardy to a resident, the Department:
- (i) Shall make every effort to investigate the complaint within 24 hours after receiving the complaint; and
- (ii) Shall investigate the complaint not later than 48 hours after receiving the complaint.

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